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## REQUEST

## FOR

CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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Application Number	09/825,946
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Art Unit	2811
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Attorney Docket Number	501.39932X00

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission** required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114a.  Previously submittedi.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on April 16, 2003 *#17*  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_b.  Enclosedi.  Amendment/Replyiii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)iv.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

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2. **Miscellaneous**a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when RCE is filed.a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135i.  RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e)  
ii.  Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)  
iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_b.  Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosedc.  Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

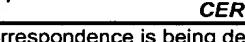
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